

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

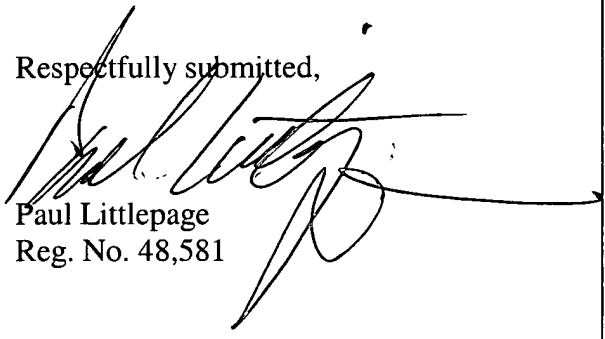
Claims 1-16 and 19-27 are cancelled herein and claims 17 and 18 are amended to stand as independent claims (i.e., to include the compounds in Claim 1 which had been referenced in the prior wording of Claims 17 and 18). Applicants respectfully reserve the right of subsequent renewal of the claims in their original form, however. Applicants also respectfully note that Claims 1-16 and 19-27 have been allowed in Application 09/869,771.

No new matter is added in any of the above changes (either to the specification or the claims) and Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment prior to examination of the above-identified application.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 510-337-7871.

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